

# Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Danny M. Clark, M.D., President

## A Fond Farewell

Royce E. Dawson, M.D., resigned from the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (Board) November 1999, due to health reasons. Dr. Dawson served on the Board since its creation in 1972 and served as President from 1985 until 1997. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation for his many contributions to the field of medicine and to the betterment of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Dr. Dawson will be greatly missed by his peers on the Board.

## Follow-up to Lab Test and X-rays

From time to time, the Board receives complaints related to physicians not following up on laboratory studies and x-rays. We would like to remind doctors that they are responsible for evaluation and interpretation of all studies that they order. This includes tests that are required by other physicians such as anesthesiologists. We would encourage physicians to develop a system by which all studies that they have ordered are seen by them prior to being filed. It is best if some type of notation can be made on each test indicating that the physician has seen it and decided on its disposition. It is important for you to realize that you are responsible for an appropriate response to the results of all x-rays and lab tests you order, regardless of the reason for obtaining the test.

# **Impaired Physicians Program**

For the past five years the Board and the Physicians Health Foundation have been working together to help physicians experiencing substance or alcohol abuse problems. The IPP offers a confidential, non-punitive alternative to disciplinary action for impaired physicians who self report and accept recommendations for rehabilitation. The purpose of the program is to assist the Board in identifying impaired physicians who voluntarily seek or are motivated to accept intervention, treatment, counseling and rehabilitation for their impairment. This joint effort is to help impaired physicians to maintain sobriety and to continue to practice medicine safely without the stigma of formal disciplinary action that is reportable to the National Practitioners Data Bank.

# **Different Strengths of Percocet**

It has been brought to the Board's attention that the Board of Pharmacy has been receiving numerous telephone calls from pharmacists regarding prescription orders for "Percocet". In the past, an order for "Percocet" posed no problem for pharmacists in that only one strength of the drug was available. Now that four strengths of "Percocet" are available, a pharmacist has no way to determine which of the four strengths the practitioner is prescribing for the patient. By statute, a Schedule II controlled substance may not be dispensed without a valid written prescription order from a licensed practitioner. Therefore, a pharmacist is without authority to simply pick up the telephone and obtain a verbal authorization for the prescription. The Board is therefore requesting all physicians practicing in the state to make a diligent effort to clearly specify the appropriate strength of "Percocet" to be dispensed to the patient.

## **Physician Renewal for 2000**

Annual renewal forms for 2000 were mailed in December to all physicians holding an active medical license in the state. A "Continuing Medical Education Certification Form" was sent to you along with a renewal form. All questions on the 2000 renewal form must be answered and the forms must be signed where indicated. If the "2000 Renewal Form" and the "Continuing Medical Education Certification Form" are not filled out in their entirety and signed and sent with a check for the proper amount your renewal form will be returned and this may delay registration of your license.

The deadline for renewal is March 1, 2000. The registration fee is \$125.00. To avoid paying a late fee, forms must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2000. Late registration (after March 1, but before April 1) may be made by payment of an additional \$50.00 penalty fee. Should you fail to register before April 1, 2000, your license will become inactive and subsequent practice in Kentucky will be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine/osteopathy. Anyone registering after April 1 will be imposed an additional \$100.00 penalty.

# **Continuing Medical Education Cycle Ends**

Board regulation 201 KAR 9:310 requires *all* physicians wishing to maintain their Kentucky medical/osteopathic to have obtained the required CME hours. If you indicate on your renewal form that you *have not* completed the required continuing medical education hours for the cycle January 1, 1997 – December 31, 1999, you will need to make a request in writing to the Board for an extension of time to complete the required hours. If this request is due to medical reasons, a letter from the treating physician should also need to be included. This request must be made on or before April 1, 2000. Any physician who fails to complete the CME requirement and fails to obtain an extension shall be fined a minimum of \$200.00 and given six months to come into compliance.

# **Final Disciplinary Actions**

#### Reed A. Burch, M.D., #26339, Poulsbo, WA

Order Denying Licensure issued 12-20-99. Physician's application for reregistration of license denied.

#### James H. Cool, Jr., M.D., #16775, Pikeville, KY

Agreed Order of Probation entered into 12-20-99 placing license on probation for five year period. Terms and conditions include maintaining contractual relationship with Impaired Physicians Program (IPP), no DEA permit, may utilize specified hospital's DEA permit under specific terms and conditions, compliance with education plan, subject to random biological screening.

#### William D. Feltner, D.O., #02251, Green Co.

Agreed Order of Fine; Reprimand entered into 11-18-99.

#### Lloyd A. Hurley, M.D., #12087, Corrales, NM

Order Denying Application for Reregistration issued 11-19-99.

## James C. Jensen, M.D., #23280, Fayette Co.

Order Denying Petition for Reinstatement issued 11-29-99.

#### Michael D. Perkins, M.D., #19098. Whitley Co.

Agreed Order of Probation entered into 12-08-99 placing license on probation for five year period. Must successfully complete Board-approved clinical skills assessment; must complete learning plan if deemed appropriate. May not prescribe/dispense/administer controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Soma or Fioricet.

## Sylvester D. Ravenscraft, D.O., #01219, Lynchburg, OH

Order Denying Application for Reregistration issued 12-20-99.

## Saquib B. Sayed, M.D., #31634, Perry Co.

Order of Suspension/Indefinite Restriction issued 12-20-99. License suspended for one-year period; may not return to practice without Board approval and fulfillment of terms and conditions delineated in order.

## C. Tinsley Stewart, M.D., #22497, Jefferson Co.

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 12-29-99.

#### David S. Swan, M.D., #15641, Madison Co.

Order Terminating Agreed Order of Probation issued 12-17-99.

#### THE BOARD ALSO TOOK ACTION AGAINST THE FOLLOWING PARAMEDIC:

## William David Hagan, EMT-P, Certificate #1256P, Anderson Co.

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 12-13-99.

# KBML, Inquiry Panel & Committee Meetings for 2000

January	20	Board Inquiry Panel B	
February	9	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers	
	17	Board Inquiry Panel A	
	24	Physician Assistant Advisory Council (PAAC)	
March	16	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure	
April	20	Board Inquiry B	
May	10	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers	
	11	Physician Assistant Advisory Council	
	18	Board Inquiry Panel A	
June	15	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure	
July	20	Board Inquiry Panel B	
August	16	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers	
	17	Board Inquiry Panel A	
	24	Physician Assistant Advisory Council	
September	14	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure	
October	19	Board Inquiry Panel B	
November	8	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers	
	15	Board Inquiry Panel A	
	16	Physician Assistant Advisory Council	
December	14	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure	

All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. with the exception of the PAAC which begins at 2:00 p.m.

# **Report Your Change of Address**

KRS 311.586 requires you to immediately notify the Board when you change office mailing addresses. Please note, office mailing addresses provided to the Board must be street addresses, and post office box addresses will no longer be acceptable. If you fail to file notification with this office, you may not receive important correspondence, including your annual renewal mailings and wallet card. If your practice address is different than the address on this newsletter, please use the form provided below to indicate your practice address and return to the Board. In the future, your practice address will be used in the Kentucky Medical Directory.

## Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Change of Address Notice

(Please Print or Type Information)

Date:	KY License Number:			
Name:				
(last)	(first)	(middle)		
Mailing Address:				
Street:				
City, State & Zip:				
Office Telephone: ( )				
E-Mail Address:				
Practice Address If Different From Mailing Address:				
Street:				
City, State & Zip:				
KY Practice County:				

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